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In Re The Reissue Application of ) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims:

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11. A method of simultaneously cleaning an animal's teeth and  
massaging its gums comprising a steps of:  
providing a deflectable biting surface for the animal, the  
biting surface having a first pair of spaced inner and outer ribs on one side  
5 of the biting surface and a second pair of spaced inner and outer ribs on the  
other side of the biting surface; and b  
causing the animal to bite down with a tooth on the biting  
surface wherein the biting surface is deflected so that the inner rib of each  
pair of ribs engages opposite sides of the tooth and the outer ribs of each  
10 pair of ribs engages and massages the gum of the animal adjacent the tooth.

12. A method, as claimed in Claim 11, wherein: